

REMARKS

Claims 1-42 are pending in the application. Claims 1-42 stand rejected. On February 15, 2006, Applicant's representatives conducted a personal interview with Examiner Wright. In that Interview, Applicant's representatives and Examiner Wright discussed the inconsistency between the § 102 and § 103 rejections of claims 1 and 12. *See* Interview Summary of Feb. 15, 2006. At that time, Examiner Wright said he would take the inconsistency into consideration while reviewing the claims and withdraw the finality of the Office Action. *See id.*

On April 3, 2006, Applicant's representatives and Examiner Wright spoke via the telephone. At that time, Examiner Wright requested that Applicants file a response to the pending Office Action recapping the results of the Interview of Feb. 15, 2006. Examiner Wright also stated that Applicants should, in that same response, make a request for 1) withdrawal and reconsideration of the outstanding rejections and 2) withdrawal of the finality of the pending Office Action. Examiner Wright stated that such requests would be granted. As such, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal and reconsideration of the outstanding rejections and withdrawal of the finality of the pending Office Action.

I. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

A. Rejection of claims 12-42 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Wood et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,691,232)

Applicants reiterate the position recited above and do not address the substance of the specific rejections at this time.

II. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

A. Rejection of claims 1-11 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wood in view of Khan et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,401,206)

Applicants reiterate the position recited above and do not address the substance of the specific rejections at this time.

CONCLUSION

If the Examiner has any questions or believes further discussion will aid examination and advance prosecution of the application, a telephone call to the undersigned is invited. If there are any additional fees due in connection with the filing of this reply, please charge the fees to undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-1067. If any extensions or fees are not accounted for, such extension is requested and the associated fee should be charged to our deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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